

Message Text

MRN: 1973PHNOM 010264 SEGMENT NUMBER: 000001 ERROR READING TEXT INDEX
FILE; TELEGRAM TEXT FOR THIS SEGMENT IS UNAVAILABLE
ADP000
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PHNOM 10264 02 OF 02 251326Z

50
ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-20 IGA-02 EB-11 COME-00 AGR-20

TRSE-00 OMB-01 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 PA-03

PRS-01 USIA-15 DRC-01 /100 W
----- 055897

P R 250445Z SEP 73
FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH
TO SECSTATE WAHHDC PRIORITY 3132
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SAIGON
AMEMBASSY SEOUL
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
COMUSMACTHAI
DIA WASHDC
SECDEF WASHDC
USSAG NKP THAI

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 PHNOM PENH 10264

FOR STATE/AID

4. THAI RICE: GIVEN THE FACT THAT RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH
ARE GETTING DANGEROUSLY LOW, THE GKR IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE AS
MUCH THAI RICE AS POSSIBLE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

A) UNDER THE CONTRACT FOR 5,000 M/T OF BROKENS, TWO VESSELS
SAILED FROM BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 24 WITH APPROXIMATELY 3,400 M/T.
THEY ARE THE ADRIANA (1,900 M/T) AND THE WING PENG (1,500 M/T).
RATHER THAN WAIT IN VUNG TAU FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, THESE TWO VESSELS ARE TO FORM A SPECIAL
CONVOY TOGETHER WITH TWO POL TANKERS THAT MISSED THE SEPTEMBER 24
REGULAR CONVOY AND TO PROCEED TO PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
SONEXIM IN SEARCHING FOR A THIRD VESSEL TO CARRY THE BALANCE OF
1,600 M/T FROM THESE 5,000 M/T.

B) WITH RESPECT TO THE LATEST PURCHASE OF 12,500 M/T BROKENS,
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PHNOM 10264 02 OF 02 251326Z

THE GKR, SONEXIM IN PARTICULAR, HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SPEED UP THE BOOKING AND LOADING OF THE FIRST 3,400 M/T ON THE VESSEL TECH TAI THAT WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 22ND.

THE L/C FOR THE FOB VALUE OF THE 12,500 M/T WAS HANDCARRIED TO BANGKOK BY A KHMER OFFICIAL ON SEPTEMBER 19. WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE FREIGHT CONTRACT WHICH HAD BEEN SIGNED IN BANGKOK BY LY KIM HENG BUT NOT BY THE THAI PARTY, A SECOND L/C WAS ISSUED TO COVER THE FREIGHT COSTS AND WAS ALSO HANDCARRIED TO BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 21ST. THE DULY EXECUTED FREIGHT CONTRACT WAS RECEIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON SEPTEMBER 24. HOPEFULLY, THE TECH TAI WILL START LOADING 3,400 M/T WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SHE WILL SAIL FIRST TO KOMPONG SOM TO UNLOAD 1,000 M/T, AND THEN PROCEED TO VUNG TAU POSSIBLY IN TIME TO JOIN THE OCTIVER 4 REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY WITH THE BALANCE OF 2,400M/T WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM LOAD THAT CAN BE TRANSPORTED ON THE MEKONG AT PRESENT.

5. JAPANESE RICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS TO STATUS OF INTERNAL GOJ CLEARANCES FOR THE DONATION OF 5,000 M/T.

6. KOREAN RICE. PROMPT APPROVAL BY WASHINGTON OF THE ROKG'S PROPOSAL TO LOAN UP TO 20,000 M/T OF RICE TO CAMBODIA IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO KEEP PHNOM PENH SUPPLIED WITH RICE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

7. ROUTE 5/BATTAMBANG. THE ROUTE CONTINUES TO BE INTERDICTED BY THE ENEMY. IN ORDER TO MOVE AT LEAST 3,000 M/T AND PERHAPS AS MUCH AS 5,000 M/T OF RICE WHICH SORAPA IS IN PROCESS OF BUYING IN BATTAMBANG, IT APPEARS THAT AN AIRLIFT WILL HAVE TO BE ORGANIZED PROMPTLY. THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING RICE DOWN THE TONLE SAP RIVER HAS BEEN EXPLORED BUT THE KHMER NAVY IS UNABLE TO GUARANTEE SECURITY FOR THE RIVER CONVOY. WE ARE REQUESTING CINCPAC'S ASSISTANCE

IN PROVIDING C-130'S FOR A BATTAMBANG/PHNOM PENH AIRLIFT TO START OCTOBER 1 AT THE RATE OF 150 M/T A DAY.

8. RICE AIRLIFT. AIRLIFTS BY THE GKR OUT OF PHNOM PENH TO KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG ARE CONTINUING. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND 21, THE FORMER RECEIVED 38 M/T AND THE LATTER 23 M/T. AT KOMPONG CHAM, FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE RICE
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PHNOM 10264 02 OF 02 251326Z

SITUATION IN ADEQUATE AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, THE CITY HAD A RICE STOCK OF 516 M/T WHILE THE POPULATION IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECREASED BY 20 TO 30,000 PEOPLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ENEMY ATTACK. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE DECISION TO RESUME THE RICE AIRLIFT OR TO SUBSTITUTE RIVER CONVOYS HAS BEEN POSTPONED BY THE RICE COMMITTEE.
ENDERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: elyme
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PHNOM10264
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS ENDERS
Errors: CORE1
Film Number: n/a
From: PHNOM PENH
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730912/aaaaaiol.tel
Line Count: 115
Locator: ADS TEXT UNRETRIEVABLE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: PHNOM PENH 9569
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Nov-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <04-Jan-2002 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RICE SITUATION
TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005